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## Abstract of Disclosure

The invention relates to a method for controlling an internal combustion engine, in which a normal state (A) is exited by switching off the engine (state B) if a standstill of the vehicle is detected (STOP\_COND), and in which the engine is restarted when specific conditions (START\_COND) apply. When a stop-and-go situation (SS\_DISABLE) applies (state A'), this stop/start function is suppressed. Here, for example, repeated activation of the brakes, the engagement of specific gears and/or the spatial location of the motor vehicle may indicate that the vehicle is in a stop-and-go situation in which only brief, uneconomic switching off of the engine is probable.

